

Mr. Speaker, I think this is a good motion, and I am looking forward to going to conference as quickly as possible so we can pass this legislation, which I think will be one of the hallmarks of the 107th Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

The motion to instruct was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on House Administration, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. NEY, EHLERS, DOOLITTLE, REYNOLDS, HOYER, FATTAH and DAVIS of Florida.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of sections 601 and 606 of the House bill, and section 404 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. STUMP, MCHUGH and SKELTON.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 216, 221, title IV, sections 502, and 503 of the House bill, and sections 101, 102, 104, subtitles A, B and C of title II, sections 311, 501, and 502 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. SENSENBRENNER, CHABOT and CONYERS.

From the Committee on Science for consideration of sections 221-5, 241-3, 251-3, and 261 of the House bill, and section 101 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference:

Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BARCIA, and Mrs. MORELLA.

Provided that Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas is appointed in lieu of Mr. BARCIA for consideration of sections 251-3 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of sections 103 and 503 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference:

Messrs. THOMAS, SHAW and RANGEL.

For consideration of the House bill and Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference:

Mr. BLUNT.

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation

as a member of the Committee on Science:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 15, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Effective May 16, 2002, I hereby resign my position on the Science Committee due to my permanent appointment to the Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

MIKE PENCE,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Judiciary:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign from the House Committee on the Judiciary, effective May 16, 2002.

Sincerely,

ED BRYANT, M.C.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Science:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, The Capitol.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: It is with deep regret that I must resign my position on the Science Committee, effective immediately. Though I have greatly enjoyed the hearings and briefings during my short time as a member of Science Committee, another committee position has opened up and I have accepted it.

On a personal note, I would like to commend Chairman Boehlert. It has truly been an honor to work with a Chairman so committed to his panel's work. In closing, I would also like to commend the Science Committee staff. They do an outstanding job and reflect very well on Mr. Boehlert's leadership. I would like to thank you for the assistance you have given and courtesy you have shown me as a freshman member.

With Kind Personal Regards, I am,
J. RANDY FORBES,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 423) and I ask unani-

mous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 423

Resolved, That the following Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Government Reform: Mr. John Sullivan.

Judiciary: Mr. J. Randy Forbes.

Science: Mr. John Sullivan.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes.

PEACE TALKS IN CYPRUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor this evening to discuss the slow progress being made over the Cyprus conflict. Yesterday, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan traveled to Cyprus to meet with both Cyprus President Clerides and Turkish-Cypriot leader Denktash in an attempt to speed up negotiations between the two leaders. Secretary Annan said he hopes an agreement can be reached between the two sides by the end of June.

Secretary Annan's pleas come during the same week that a high-ranking Turkish official said the time has come for Turkey to establish new proposals that would be based "on parameters which are acceptable by Europe and the international community." Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Yilmaz was also critical of Turkish-Cypriot leader Denktash saying "the proposals by Denktash are inadequate."

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Mr. Speaker, in the past I have come to the House floor to voice my extreme displeasure over the way Denktash negotiates. Last year when peace negotiations were at a standstill, I criticized the Turkish side's well-known negotiation tactics that can best be described as nothing more than delay tactics. The Turkish side would agree to peace negotiations on the Cyprus problem only for the purpose of undermining them once they began and then blaming the Greek Cypriots for their failure.

In recent months, however, Mr. Speaker, hopes have been raised that a just and durable solution to the Cyprus problem can be reached and Cyprus